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Republican Boasting.

Every Republican convention, national, state or county, from Maine to California, "points with pride" to the achievements of the Republican party. No Republican convention would be complete without "pointing with pride." Self praise is half scandal. A party that does so much pointing needs watching, and just now the people are on the watch, and are not only watching, but are investigating. Investigation has led to pointing in which there is no pride worth mentioning. Investigation shows that the grand army of Republican and Democratic soldiery was paid in depreciated money and the Wall street bondholder was paid in gold. Investigation shows that the bondholder has already received four dollars to where the old soldier has received one dollar. Investigation shows that it will take more corn, more wheat, more cattle, or more of any farm produce to pay the remaining national debt than it would have paid all at the close of the war. Investigation shows that a tariff is an indirect tax paid by the consumer. Investigation shows that the farmer produces more wealth and owns less than at any other time in the history of the United States. Investigation shows that the farmer in 1850 owned 85 per cent. of wealth and paid 87 per cent. of taxes, but now only owns 24 per cent. wealth and still pays 85 per cent. of taxes. Investigation has shown that the people of the United States have a recorded debt equal to the assessed valuation of all our wealth, and that such indebtedness is, and will be, paid, under the present conditions, by the laborer or wealth producer, and is a perpetual mortgage upon the brain and muscle of generations yet unborn. Investigation shows that merchants, farmers and mechanics are losing their homes in large numbers and cannot regain homes under present conditions. Investigation shows that large numbers of men, women and children suffer for the necessities of life in the midst of great plenty. Investigation shows that the politician of the day, and the ring press, are doing all that is possible to keep the people in ignorance. Investigation shows that the people have not a true friend in congress. This is some of the people's pointing, and if the g. o. p. conventions can take pride in such a record, all right; but the people are not in the pride pointing business and are ceasing to take stock in the hypocritical pretensions of the pride pointing robbers.

SEE our premiums for club-raiser, then go to work.

Tariff.

It is the deliberate conviction of many intelligent people that the tariff agitation was, and is, a prearranged scheme of the politician of both of the leading parties, and is done for the purpose of deceiving the people as to the merits of the tariff and of other questions of vital importance. This conviction becomes apparent and is confirmed when is considered that all other questions are ignored, and that the Democratic Mills bill only proposed a reduction of 5 per cent., and the McKinley bill, Republican, proposes an increase of 7 per cent. A reduction of 5 per cent. from the war tariff can afford but little relief, and if the theory of low tariff advocates is correct, the Democrats were either dishonest or did not have the courage of their convictions, and it follows that the people must look elsewhere for relief. There can be no reasonable doubt but that the present tariff operates in favor of the eastern manufacturer and against the western farmer. There can be no reasonable doubt but that the present tariff was imposed as a war measure and was not at first thought of as protective, and the assertion of Republican politicians that the present tariff is maintained for protective purposes, is, to say the least, untruthful. The tariff is an indirect tax paid by the consumer, and the present high tariff when first imposed was for the purpose of raising money to carry on the war; and if our government had been economically administered, the tariff would have been reduced or entirely taken off. But not only has the high tariff been maintained but the Republican majority in congress is working, night and main, to increase duties on imports to the amount of fifty million dollars. The promise made by the Republican party to reform the tariff is wantonly disregarded, and if the present congress is representative, then the people have no rights; or in other words, the rights and interests of the masses are utterly ignored. How long will a long-suffering people allow itself to be robbed by its law-makers?

The Chicago Tribune has opened the campaign of 1892 with a vigorous and noisy flapping of the bloody old rag. There isn't much left of the dilapidated garment, but that does not bother that antiquated organ that is thirty years behind time. The account of the election in Arkansas that appears in Tuesday's Tribune reads like a dime novel, but we notice there is not a direct charge made. Its evidence is all of what someone told someone else, and a general charge which amounts to nothing.

When the Tribune devotes as much space to the corruption that goes on right in Chicago on election day as it does to the elections in the south, we will not be so suspicious of its howling for a free ballot and a fair count.—Chicago Lever.

INGALLS is a note-shaver, president of a mortgage company, president of a national bank and owner of stock in various banks. He has been proven a grasping usurer. If the farmers of Kansas want such a man to remain in the senate, all they have to do is to elect men to the legislature who favor his re-election. But you don't want him returned, and we are satisfied that John J. will stay at home.

In Union There is Strength.

On the 3d inst., there was a meeting of representatives of all the reform parties, at St. Louis, for the purpose of formulating a plan which will bring together all those who are opposed to this country being ruled by the powers of money and whisky; who are opposed to class legislation, unequal and unjust taxation; who believe in political and moral reform.

The convention exceeded, in numbers and enthusiasm, the most sanguine expectations of its projectors, and proved beyond a doubt that they are on the right track.

The people are rapidly awaking to the fact that a united effort is necessary to dethrone the twin kings—Money Monopoly and Whisky Monopoly—the forces of which kings are united in one solid army to enslave and destroy the people and reduce them to utter helplessness. Yes: the great common people are awaking, all over the land, and they are preparing for earnest action.

We are glad to see the great and good Frances E. Willard take a decided stand in favor of a union of reform forces. The Chicago Lever, of which Gov. St. John is chief editor, also endorses united action. Other leading Prohibitionists are equally earnest on the same line.

Everything is working nicely, and we fully expect that before another campaign rolls around, the great common people—the bone, sinew and brains of this nation—will have joined issues, and will march on to a most glorious victory.

The platform adopted by this St. Louis convention is a grand one. It is broad and comprehensive enough to suit the most fastidious reformer. It fully covers the ground.

A letter from Miss Willard was read before the convention, in which she expressed full sympathy with the movement, and declared it her purpose to treat of the subject in her next annual address before the national W. C. T. U. convention.

Miss Willard, Mrs. Marion Todd, Willis W. Jones, E. Evans and other able reformers are doing grand work, and the people will arise and call them blessed.

Unite! Organize, and stand together, and victory is sure.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of the county central committee of the People's party at Garnett, Saturday, Sept. 27, at 2 p. m.

We are in receipt of a list of subscribers from Titus county, Texas, accompanied by the following:

"God speed the day when the farmers, north and south, east and west, will strike the damnable party blinds from their eyes, and, as one great brotherhood, march, hand in hand, heart to heart, to the polls, and vote only for men who stand on the independent People's platform. Down with monopolies of all kinds, and money combines."

THE Labor World, published at St. Joseph, Mo., (\$1 per year) is one of the neatest, cleanest reform papers that comes to this office. It certainly deserves a liberal patronage.

Ring Press Influence.

The g. o. p. press after using many lying expedients to keep the farmers out politics, have finally, after the grand effort of the Topeka Capital, settled to the dead level of nothingness. And now, just how a ring editor obtains copy to fill up with is a conundrum. The command to the farmers to stay at home and kill cockle-burrs went the rounds of the press so often that it got to be a chestnut and was, by the farmers, treated with derision. Another chestnut that went the rounds six or eight times and served to make copy, was that the cause of hard times among the farmers was their extravagance and wastefulness. The partisan scare was tried, but instead of the farmers breaking ranks they only drew the closer together. The cry of sorehead was answered by the farmers nominating men never in politics. Beaten all along the line, the Capital tried the disloyalty scare, but the people are up to all such idiocy, and go right ahead in the path they have chosen, caring no more for the racket set up by the ring editors than if the ring editors did not exist. The ring editors cannot discuss principles, because they have no principles. Boodle is what a ring editor lives for and the only tactics he employs is abuse. The ring editor is like a hog in that he is never at home only when his snout is turning up dirt. The ring editor is a tool, but never a patriot. The ring editor is a fraud and a disgrace to the noble profession of editor, and any advice from a ring editor to a farmer is a piece of presumption that has never been equaled in all the world's history. The ring influence is on the wane.

Homesteads.

In the Republican state platform allusion is made to the homestead act, the act being characterized as "most beneficent." That reminds us that in '56, '58 and '60, the battle-cry of the old war horses of the Republican party was "Land for the landless." But the authors of the homestead law have long since passed from the control of the so-called Republican party, and instead we have a set of robbers. The Republican party of to-day is dominated by a class of politicians who are working, night and main, to strip the homesteader of the home given him by Uncle Sam in a time when congress believed in people owning their homes. A reference to the policy and acts of the latter-day Republicans will show conclusively that any claim it may set up to gratitude on that score is false. The Republican party in its leaders, after the war, inaugurated and carried out the policy of contraction, and as a result, in ten years fifty thousand families were made homeless, and the policy was, and is, continued. Year by year, the number of home owners made homeless by a policy that has the effect to impoverish the poor and make the rich richer becomes more numerous until the boast that America is a nation of home-owners has ceased to be true. The year of 1890, when its record is made, will probably show that in Kansas alone, five thousand farmers have been made homeless under boasted Republican rule. It is a grand record, indeed, to give the people land in the wilds of the west, and after the homesteader, through incredible toil, has converted a wilderness into a paradise, and is broken in health because of toil and hardships, to surround him with legislative conditions that strip him of that home and transfer it to Shylock.